

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH 216 COMLY ROAD, LINCOLN PARK, N.J. 07035 A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP A CALL TO SERVE



Stewardship is a spiritual way of life marked by faith filled prayer, compassionate service to others and a sharing of time, talent and treasure. The more we give back to God, the richer our spiritual lives become. I wish to share of myself to God and the community of St. Joseph's by participating in a Ministry as a way to thank God for all His blessings.

Please put a ( $\sqrt{\text{mark}}$ ) to join a New Ministry or (R) to Renew a Current Membership.

Worship Service
Altar Servers: Children in Grade 4 or higher who have received 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion are eligible to volunteer. Servers assist the priest at the celebration of the Eucharist.
Lectors: Parish members who proclaim the Word of God at liturgical celebrations, usually 1-2 Masses per month. Frequency depends on ministry membership.
Altar Care: Parish members who help to clean and care for the Church interior, launder altar linens and decorate for the special liturgical seasons.
Spiritual Service
<b>Prayer Line</b> : Parish members who commit themselves to daily prayer for particular special intentions of fellow parishioners. There are no meetings and this service can be done from the convenience of your home. Members are notified for prayer requests on a rotating basis.
<b>Lazarus Ministry:</b> Parish members who provide support, prayer and comfort to those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. Members send notes of condolence, organize the annual Mass of Remembrance and attend funerals as individual schedules permit. Meetings are held the 1st Friday of the month.
<b>Devotion to Mary:</b> Spiritual devotion to the Blessed Mother through prayer, novenas and rosary.
Hospitality and Evangelization Service
<b>Greeters:</b> Parish members (men, women, and families) who welcome our parishioners and guests to the celebration of the Eucharist. Greeters arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled service. Frequency depends on ministry membership. Families are encouraged to participate.
<b>Ushers:</b> Parish members (men and women) who assist in seating parishioners, coordinating the sacramental receiving line and facilitate the collection of gifts offered by all liturgical participants. Frequency depends on ministry membership.
Women of Faith: A group of women from several parishes who come together for spiritual growth once a month by sharing their faith and stories through a format of prayer, liturgy and discussion. Meetings are usually held on every other Thursday.
Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Service
<b>Religious Catechists and Youth Ministry:</b> Parish members who provide religious instruction for the children of our parish (classes $K-10^{th}$ grade). Catechists and Youth Ministers help provide the foundation of our Catholic faith and preparation for the sacraments of

Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation under the spiritual direction of our religious staff. **Community Service** Christian Service: Parish members who meet monthly to minister to the temporal needs of our parish community and beyond. Service involvement includes shelter programs, parish and community food drives, the annual Crop Walk, Thanksgiving baskets for those in need, Christmas gift collections and special sponsorship events throughout the year. Warming Bee: Parish members who meet every Tuesday afternoon to knit/crochet items for nursing home residents, hats/booties for infants and assorted items (scarves/mittens) for those in need. Materials come from the generous donations of our parishioners. This ministry can also be done from your home if unable to attend the meetings. "You Visited Me": Parish members who "adopt" a lonely Nursing Home resident with no visitors. Set your own schedule to make a weekly visit, offering companionship and caring. Knights of Columbus (KofC): Male parish members of John F. Kennedy Council 5486 that encourage unity, service, patriotism and fraternity. Empowers Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish and in the community. **Columbiettes:** Women parish members whose patronesses are the Blessed Mother, St. Theresa and Joan of Arc. A unified Catholic women's organization committed to setting a living example of charity, devotion and Catholic values. **Parish Service** Power Point Visual Aid Support at Mass: Parish members to operate Power Point on laptop for Mass participation, music lyrics and informational presentations projected onto the Church viewing screens before and/or during Mass. Training is provided and will work with you for Mass preference. Parish Bakers: Parish members who donate time and effort to supply home baked goodies for special parish events and the annual St. Joseph Bake Sale. No meetings are required. **Buildings and Grounds:** Parish volunteers who provide assistance with the upkeep of parish buildings, grounds and general repairs. **Financial Service and Social Activities** Fund Raising: Parish committee for planning and coordinating various fund raising programs throughout the year. **Golf Outing:** Planning, coordinating and recruiting sponsors for the annual May golf outing. **Social Committee:** Volunteers to help with parish social events as needed. Name: Phone:

Can we list your telephone number in our Ministry Directory? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest. A member of your selected committee(s) will reach out to you. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 973-696-4411.